

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 3, as follows:

A further system for the distribution of computer files for update purposes is described in the United States Patent Application entitled "~~SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION SERVICES~~" "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION SERVICES TO A PLURALITY OF COMPUTING APPLIANCES ORGANIZED AS SUBNETS" filed on 30 August 2000 under App. Serial No.: 09/650,983, and having a common Assignee to the present application. The disclosure of this co-pending application is incorporated herein by reference.